

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except for the following: U.S. patents and/or U.S. patent publications; and co-pending non-provisional U.S. applications filed after June 30, 2003.

The documents listed on the attached SB-08's generally originate from pre-litigation discussions between the Assignee of this application, IMRA America Inc., and IPG Photonics Inc., which is now pending in the Eastern District of Michigan, Southern Division as case number 2:06-cv-15139. Efforts have been made to minimize duplication between this Information Disclosure Statement and ones previously filed in this matter to the extent possible.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not

waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

The present application is undergoing appeal. Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the references listed herein; however, if the references cannot be considered prior to the disposition of the appeal, Applicant respectfully requests this Information Disclosure Statement and enclosed references be placed in the file pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(i). No fee is required. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, including extension of time fees, or to credit any overpayment to Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,
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